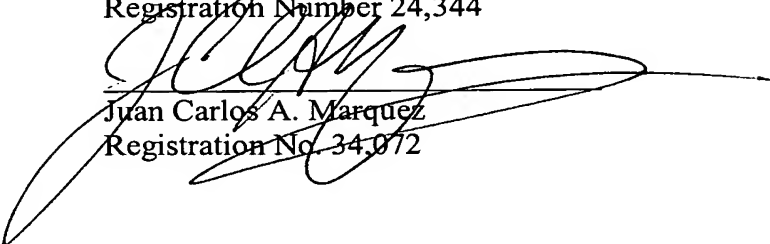


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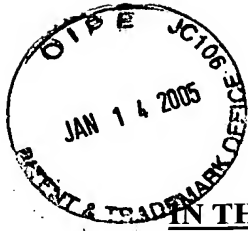
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2004, the period for response to which will expire on January 17, 2005. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group II (Claims 9-11) without traverse.